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Appl. No. 10/829,653 Amdt. Dated October 19, 2005 Reply to Office action of September 27, 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Masafumi Hizukuri et al.

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Title : "BONDING DEVICE AND BONDING TOOL"

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Examiner : Jonathan J. Johnson

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE AND ELECTION

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated September 27, 2005.

The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on October 27, 2005.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to proceed with claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 directed to species I.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mall Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated by low.

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